GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2600
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Imports from China
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of cheap goods manufactured by China is adversely affecting Indian Industry especially small and medium enterprises in the perspective of global slowdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to impose ban on import or imposing anti-dumping duty on Chinese items like auto spare parts, toys, chemicals and metals as safeguards to domestic Industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (b) Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are facing significant competition from Chinese imports as is evident in high growth of India's imports from China. As per the available data (as annexed) in respect of 12 major product groups largely manufactured by MSMEs, imports from China grew at a higher rate than respective imports from all other countries combined during 2011-12 to 2014-15.

(c) Trade defence measures like anti-dumping duty, counter−vailing duty and safeguard duty are available to Indian industry to seek relief, as prescribed and applicable. The Government can impose Safeguard Duty on any article imported into India in such increased quantities and under such conditions so as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the Indian domestic industry.

Further, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) conducts anti − dumping investigations on the basis of duly substantiated petitions filed by the domestic industry alleging dumping of goods into the country and causing injury to the domestic industry. It has so far initiated 322 anti − dumping cases out of which 177 cases involve China PR.

Also in order to boost exports and to maintain balance of trade with China, India has impressed upon China to recognise the need for reduction in trade imbalance for a long term, sustainable and harmonious development of economic co − operation between the two countries. During the 10th Meeting of the Indian − China Joint Economic Group (JEG) at Ministerial level, both the countries have reaffirmed their determination to expand and diversify bilateral trade and economic cooperation. The two sides have agreed to take positive steps towards balancing bilateral trade. Both countries signed the "Five Year Development Program for Economic and Trade Cooperation" wherein reduction of trade imbalance over the next five years has been identified as one of the principal objectives of trade and economic cooperation between India and China.

Annexure to LokSabhaUnstarred Question No.2600 admitted for answer on 14th March, 2016 regarding "Import from China".

Values in Rs. Lakh

S.No.	HS Code	Product Groups	2014 - 15	2011-12 to 2014-15		
			China Imports	World Imports	China Average Annual Growth Rate (%)	World Average Annual Growth Rate (%)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	85	Electrical and Electronic Equipment	1,02,38,374.16	2,02,91,039.20	16.89	9.66
2	84	Machinery and Mechanical Appliances	62,08,168.45	1,94,16,505.05	9.25	2.62
3	29	Organic Chemicals	38,63,622.86	1,08,35,064.01	27.99	18.90
4	72	Iron & Steel	16,63,061.46	75,51,648.34	28.81	4.95
5	39	Plastics and Articles thereof	10,43,555.04	71,39,553.68	35.73	25.32
6	73	Articles of Iron or Steel	8,50,490.01	24,35,436.75	5.04	3.86
7	90	Optical, Photo, Technical, Medical, etc Apparatus	7,46,755.31	43,10,918.52	21.52	11.70
8	71	Pearls, Precious Stones, Metals, Coins, etc.	7,46,364.16	3,81,51,448.66	23.33	-4.07
9	87	Vehicles and Parts / Accessories thereof	7,12,170.28	29,72,250.00	16.47	6.72
10	38	Miscellaneous Chemical Products	4,83,279.10	25,49,336.76	28.36	14.26
11	27	Mineral Fuels, Oils, Distillation Products etc.	4,74,700.41	9,53,42,584.17	9.55	5.05
12	94	Furniture, Lighting, Signs, Prefabricated Buildings, etc	4,53,017.30	7,87,210.68	22.70	16.27
Total			2,74,83,558.54			

21,17,82,995.82

*Source: Director General of Commercial Intelligence data hosted by Department of Commerce on its website.